

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Veit Stossel  Serial No.: TBA  Filed: Herewith  For: Lumbar Support	Group No.: TBA  Atty. Docket No.: 41587-419  Examiner: TBA
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please enter the following preliminary amendment and consider the following remarks. It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this Amendment. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account 08-3460.

***Amendments***

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121, please amend the specification and the claims in above-identified application as set forth below.

***Amendments to the Specification***

On page 1 of the specification, please insert the following paragraphs ahead of paragraph [0001].

***Cross-Reference to Related Applications.***

This application claims priority to PCT/EP2004/013396 filed on November 25, 2004; which claims priority to DE 103 55 659.1 filed November 28, 2003.